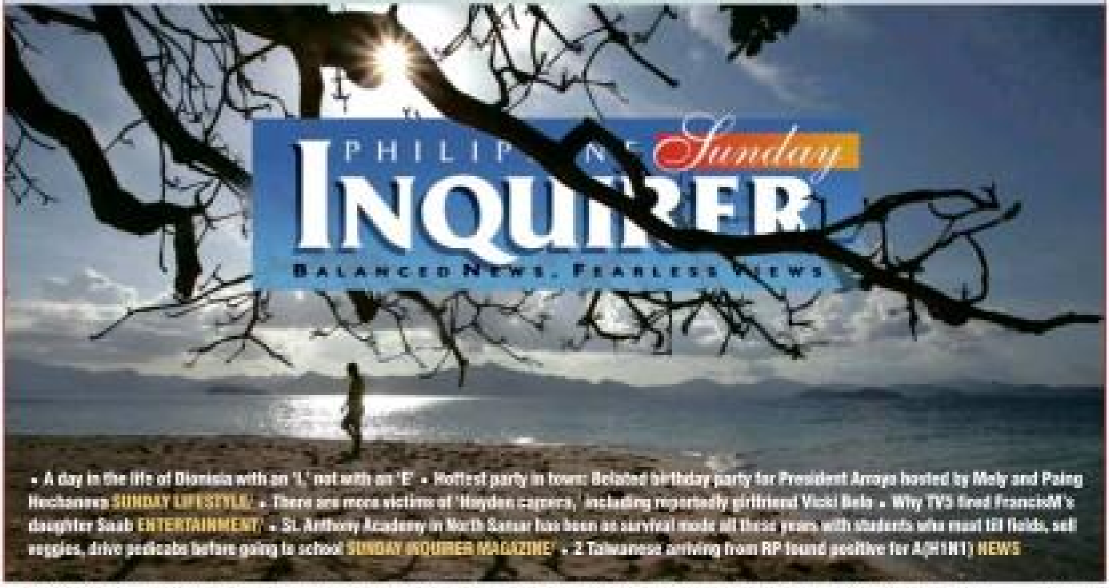
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THE BEAUTY OF THE PHILIPPINES In the tranquility embraced by sky, sea and trees, a tourist walks the length of a sandbar in Malcapuya Island in the Calamian Group of Islands in Palawan.

Mancao all set to return

Ex-Lacson aide says he's turning state witness in Dacer-Corbito slays

By Fe Zamora

BY HIS OWN RECKONING, the man who would be state witness in the 2000 Dacer-Corbito murders is facing his moment of truth.

Former Senior Supt. Cezar Mancao II, who is in solitary confinement at the state detention center in Miami, Florida, in the United States, made a final deposition on May 22 that lifted all legal barriers to his return to his native land.

"There is no longer a legal obstacle or impediment for his extradition. He can go to the Philippines anytime," Mancao's lawyer, Arnedo Valera, said in an e-mail to the Inquirer hours after the three-hour deposition.

Valera said the date and other details of Mancao's return to the Philippines would be threshed out by representatives of the Philippine and US governments.

Mancao had claimed that publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver, Emmanuel Corbito, were killed upon orders of his then superior officer Panfilo Lacson, the then chief of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF). Lacson, now a senator, has denied involvement in the killings.

In a portent of things to come, Mancao said early this month that he would not waver in his commitment to stand as state witness in the double-murder case.

He made the promise in a handwritten note to Dante Jimenez, founding chair of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption.

"There has come that I have to reveal

MANCAO/ A8



PEOPLE'S CHAMPS SPAR Ex-President Estrada and reigning King of the Ring sat down for a rare meeting on Saturday night. During the 30-minute amiable chat at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Pacquiao was being coaxed by aides to ask for political advice but Estrada countered that there was no need as already he was doing a good job of it. An observer noted that both men who have been known to fracture English talked to each other in that language with aplomb.

Under probe for corruption, ex-president of Korea leaps to his death

SEOUL—FORMER SOUTH KOREAN President Roh Moo-hyun, embroiled in a broadening corruption scandal, jumped to his death while hiking in the mountains behind his rural southern home, his lawyer said.

Roh, 62, had been hiking in the village of Bongha on Saturday morning when he threw himself off a mountainside rock, lawyer Moon Jae-in told reporters.

In a suicide note left for his family Roh called life "difficult" and apologized for making "too many people suffer," a TV report said.

Roh was rushed to a hospital in the nearby port city of Busan at around 8:15 a.m. and died at around 9:30 a.m. from head injuries, officials at Busan National University hospital said.

Police in Gyeongsangnam province confirmed that a suicide note was found on Roh's computer at his home.

"It has been so tough," local media quoted the suicide note as saying. "I caused so much trouble to many people. Please cremate my body. Please erect a small tombstone for me at the village."

Roh, who served as president from 2003 to 2008, was credited with making his nation more democratic and less authoritarian.

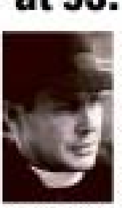
EX-PRESIDENT/ A6

Fr. Reuter at 93: Fullness of life, love

By Sunshine Lichauco de Leon
Contributor

WHEN JAMES B. REUTER was just 7 years old, "God made a spectacular entrance into [his] life," and he made the decision that would set the course of his existence.

"I was in second grade and heard the nuns talking about the missions. This struck me as attractive so I said I would be a missionary."



Fr. James B. Reuter, S.J.: TIMELESS

At age 18, Reuter entered the Society of Jesus, and in 1938, just four years later, he was sent as a Jesuit scholastic to study philosophy in the Philippines.

Reuter, who celebrated his 93rd birthday on May 21, reflects back on this moment that he describes as the "highlight" of his long life.

"See, everything comes from God, once God gets inside of you everything that follows is good," he says.

What followed was the building of a life in the Philippines, a life that is a rainbow of stories, with each of the roles he has played standing in brilliant color, and the sum of it all blending into one beautiful image.

Reuter has left an indelible imprint on the lives of the legions who have crossed his path—friends, students, glee club singers, Ateneo athletes, confidants, co-workers and

FR. REUTER/ A10



Pimentel, Enrile renew old feud

By Michael Lim Ubac

IT'S PROBABLY ROAD RAGE.

Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile yesterday declared war on the the minority senators who had asked the Supreme Court to stop the public trial of Sen. Manuel Villar

PIMENTEL/ A4

MERALCO: TITANS AT THE GATE

'Repeat of Marcos-era takeover'

By Dennis L. Lucas

(First of three parts)

I-TEAM Report
Fernando del Mundo
Chief

SIMEON MARCELO HAS SEEN it all before.

As a lawyer who won his spurs during the martial law years, Marcelo is familiar with the methods that governments use to make private businesses bend to the will of the sitting administration. If they refuse to bend, they are broken.

"Déjà vu all over again. It's crystal clear that this is a repeat of what happened during the Marcos era," he said, explaining how the Marcos dictatorship sold to the public the idea of a government takeover of Meralco. (See related story on Page A14.)

Marcelo served as a widely

MERALCO/ A8

World's rarest deer still roam Negros

By Nikko Dizon

FOR THIS GROUP OF British and Filipino environmentalists, there's nothing more beautiful than the sight of droppings of the world's rarest deer.

It's proof that the Visayan spotted deer (Cervus alfredi), endemic to the Philippines but in danger of extinction, still roam in the wild.

A statement from the British Embassy and the Negros Interior Biodiversity Expedition (Nibe) "has found evidence of two groups of the Visayan Spotted Deer alive and well" in the North Negros

WORLD'S/ A10



DOE A FEMALE DEER is not your average run-in-the-wild deer but the spotted type at the Negros Forests and Ecological Foundation's Biodiversity Conservation Center in Bacolod City.

WEATHER FORECAST

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SUERTRES

15 co-passengers show no flu signs

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE 15 CO-PASSENGERS OF THE 10-YEAR OLD GIRL FOUND positive for the Influenza A(H1N1) virus have been located and were found to have no swine flu symptoms.



CHURCHGOERS pray but not all hold hands during the latter part of the Mass inside Quiapo Church in Manila.

Church may ban holding of hands during Masses

By Dona Pazzibugan

Boat sinks off Verde; 12 dead

Hawaii judge told to account for $5M of Arelma funds

THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISsion on Good Government (PCGG) wants a Hawaii judge to account for the controlled $35 million Marcos funds deposited with Merrill Lynch after the agency was told about an alleged "irregularity" involving the funds' management, a PCGG official said.

PCGG Commissioner Ricardo Abcede said the Philippine National Bank (PNB), which is negotiating with Merrill Lynch for the return of the money to the country, told the commission that Hawaii District Court Judge Manuel Real has refused to account for $5 million of the $35 million so-called Arelma account.

"The district court had taken custody of the money when it ruled that the funds belonged to around 10,000 human rights victims.

"We wanted to be actively involved in Hawaii because we were told by PNB that the Arelma account was ordered transferred to Hawaii by Real," Abcede said.

Abcede said the PCGG was looking for a private law firm to formally ask Real for an accounting. *Philip C. Tubeza*

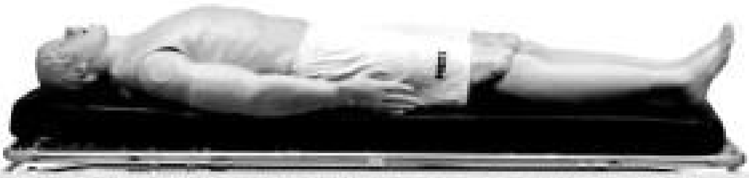
Palace chides SolGen for blocking audit of oil firms

By Christian V. Esguerra

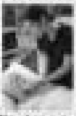




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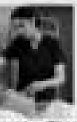
















RP accepts US actor's apology

THE PHILIPPINES HAS ACCEPTED the public apology of Hollywood actor Alec Baldwin for a joke he made about mail-order brides from the Philippines.

In his blog, Baldwin, star of the comedy hit show "30 Rock," asked forgiveness for the offensive joke which he attributed to his "advancing age."

On May 12, Baldwin, joking about his age in an interview on the "Late Show with David Letterman," had quipped: "I think about getting a Filipino mail-order bride at this point or a Russian one, I don't care, I'm 51."

Baldwin, in his apology, said he fully understood the sentiments of the Filipinos considering the seriousness of the problem of human trafficking and exploitation of women and children being faced by the Philippines.

The Philippine Ambassador in Washington Willy Gaa sent a letter to Baldwin to convey the Department of Foreign Affairs' appreciation of the apology expressed by Baldwin on his blog on May 20.

Cynthia D. Balana

Laraño: 72

STANLEY D. LARAÑO of Morato, Laguna, uncle of journalist Oly Laraño, passed away on May 22. He was 72. His remains lie in state at the Lucida Memorial Park's chapel in Socot, Pandacan. The interment schedule will be announced later.

Ex-President Roh of Korea leaps to his death



Pimentel, Enrile …

'Dagdag-bawas'

Name calling

Act as statesmen



Suspension of QC cops ends today

By [illegible]

THE ONE MONTH PREVENTIVE suspension of the Quezon City cops [illegible]

TIMELINE

SMC divestments to raise funds

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Meralco: 'Repeat of Marcos-era takeover'

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Roots in halls of power

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'GSIS doing it for SMC'

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Ramon Ang in charge

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Battering ram

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Purely as investment

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Razor-thin edge

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Losing with dignity

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OPEN LETTER
TO
HER EXCELLENCY
PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

Dear Madame President,

We, the members of different Book Associations in the country are appealing for your help in withdrawing the Department of Finance Department Order 17-09 which imposes duty on the importation of books.

We believe that said Order is not to the best interest of the country. It violates the Florence Agreement, an international treaty. It also violates R.A 8047 or the Book Publishing Industry Development Act.

The imposition of duty on book importations, no matter how minimal, will increase the cost to our readers, which in turn will fundamentally affect the quality of education, literacy and over-all access to information and knowledge. Our young need to be educated and become literate to a high degree to be competitive in the emerging world market. This requires world-class and world-wide access to information and knowledge through books.

The Florence Agreement, of which the Philippines is a signatory since 1952, has for its main objective the free flow of information among contracting states. The Florence Agreement Guide also expressly states that "Under the Agreement, books, newspapers, periodicals, and many other categories of printed matter are granted duty-free entry".

The Book Publishing Industry Development Act has also expressly provided in Section 12 for the tax-and-duty-free importation of books and raw materials for book publishing. However, the DOF has chosen to interpret this provision to mean that only books used for book publishing are duty free. We certainly disagree. This Section 12 really refers to both importation of books and importation of raw materials such as paper and machinery needed and used for book publishing.

Madame President, we are joining our writers, authors and readers in the clamor for the continued duty-free importation of books. Please help us and our countrymen.

Sincerely yours,

LIRIO P. SANDOVAL
President
Book Development Association of the Philippines (BDAP)

ATTY. JOSE AGATON SIBAL
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Philippine Educational Publishers' Association (PEPA)

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Philippine Board on Books for Young People (PBBY)

World's rarest deer still roam Negros





HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU

Most endangered

Grass-roots conservation

More protection

Enviable biodiversity

Mancao all set to return, to turn state witness

Supportive but worried

Affidavits reaffirmed

Special operation

Meeting in Miami

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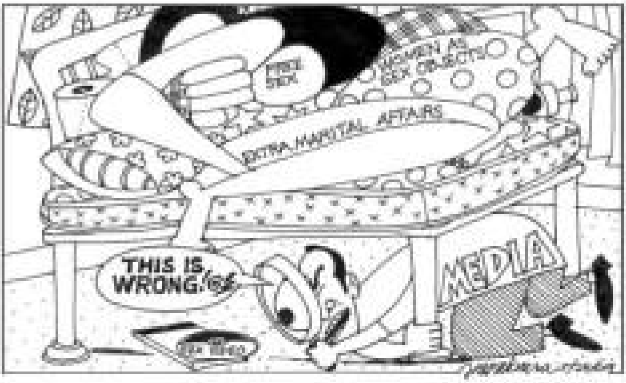
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Disproportionate outrage

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California dying

WORLD VIEW

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THEY SAID

Prudence is a virtue

TALK of the TOWN

Scramble for power in Meralco

By Doris C. Dumlao

CASH IS KING AND its power becomes most pronounced during economic downturns when opportunities abound for deep-pocketed groups to expand their businesses.

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Gateway

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San Miguel ally

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MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS



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Split divides Lopez clan

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From tranvia and martial law to Edsa and SMC

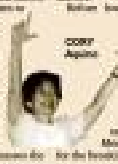
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EUGENIO Lopez with wife Pacita and son Geny (1938)



FERDINAND Marcos and wife Imelda



CORY Aquino

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Across the NATION
Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

₱300M for 500m Bacolod runway OKd

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

BACOLOD CITY—TRANSPORTATION AND COMmunications Secretary Leandro Mendoza Friday said the P300 million needed to extend the Bacolod-Silay City International Airport's runway by 500 meters is now available.

Work will begin in the third or fourth quarter of this year for the project that is expected to boost trade and tourism in Negros Occidental.

The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) was just waiting for the release of P300 million in funds to start the bidding process for the project, Mendoza said in an interview at the sidelines of the 25th Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA) national convention at the Bacolod Business Resort Hotel where he was a speaker.

Bigger capacity

The Bacolod-Silay International Airport is already a regional airport open to aircraft from neighboring countries, but the extension of the runway will allow even bigger airplanes to land at the airport, he said.

The airport was built for P4 billion on a 181-hectare land in Silay City, 15 km northeast of Bacolod City. It was opened last year, replacing the Bacolod City Domestic Airport located in the city proper.

A P1.5 billion, 13-km access road is also being constructed for a faster link between Bacolod City and the airport.

The decision to extend the airport's runway by 500 meters was part of DOTC's continuing effort to modernize and upgrade the country's air and sea ports that serve as gateways to tourism, trade and agriculture, Mendoza said.

Maritime

In his speech at the PCGA convention, Mendoza also said that with the national government's thrust toward economic growth and greater national development, the maritime sector was expected to play a significant role in ensuring the competitiveness of national products in the global market.

The fast and efficient transport of materials and goods to and from industrial centers and centers of growth and inter-land markets would "naturally be conducted through sea voyage," he said.

Ports buildup

The assistance that PCGA has been providing is vital because the organization does not only help ensure the safety of ships and sea lanes but also helps in protecting the country's marine environment, Mendoza said.

Mendoza said the government was also continuing to modernize and rehabilitate strategic ports to promote domestic shipping, help the agricultural sector become more productive.



HAIR STYLE

It's not the latest of haircuts, but it's free. Children of Barangay Looc, Lapu-Lapu City, end up nearly bald after getting free haircut from a ... taking part in ... in Cebu province.

Judge arraigns 4 Palawan-based Chinese on drug case

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Four Chinese nationals earlier acquitted by a judge on charges of illegal drug manufacturing were arraigned Thursday on the same charges.

The four entered a "not guilty" plea as government prosecutors tried to reinforce their case with new evidence.

Xu Qiong Jiang, alias Lucio Ong/ Lucio Co, and three other Chinese businessmen based in Puerto Princesa City, had been detained following a government raid on a shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) laboratory in Roxas, Palawan.

Three others were identified as Min Zhang, Jackson Sy and Jimmy Sy. They own some of the major retail stores in the capital.

Regional Trial Court Judge Perfecto Pe, Branch 52, who earlier acquitted the four, scheduled marathon hearings on the case starting May 25.

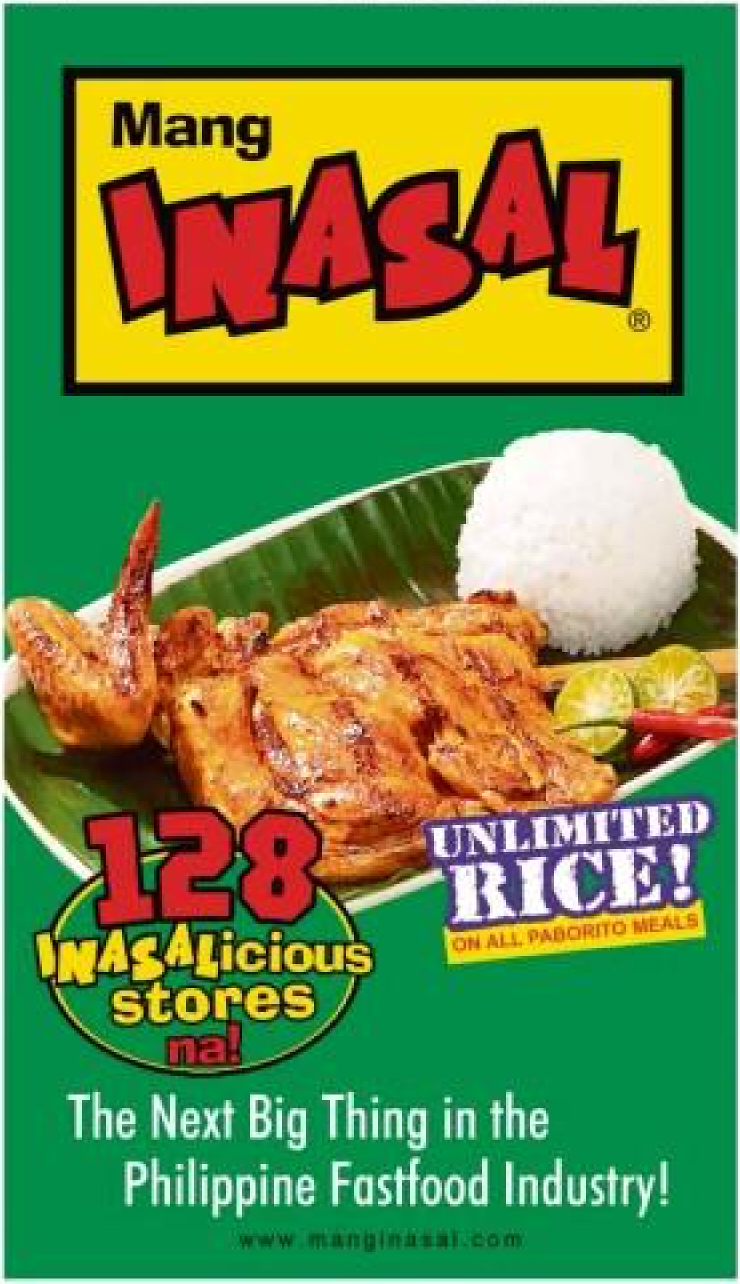
"It's the same hearing. We go directly to pre-trial," Pe told government and defense lawyers during the arraignment. *Redempto D. Anda, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

3.9-km 'inasal' grill Bacolod's record bid

HERO'S LEGACY

Mabini kin poor but proud





INQUIRER Mindanao

Miner's choice: Hunger or landslide

STRAINING his bandaged feet, Crisanto Calsiano struggled to raise his body as his mother helped him sit on the bed inside the Pantukan District Hospital in Pantukan, Compostela Valley. Around the room, three other men with dried wounds and bandages, and IV tubes strapped on their bodies like him, lay.

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Buried bunkhouses

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EACH time a landslide occurs in Pantukan, Compostela Valley lowland residents take the opportunity to pan gold in a river below the mountain, a good source of income but a back-breaking job.

Lure of gold

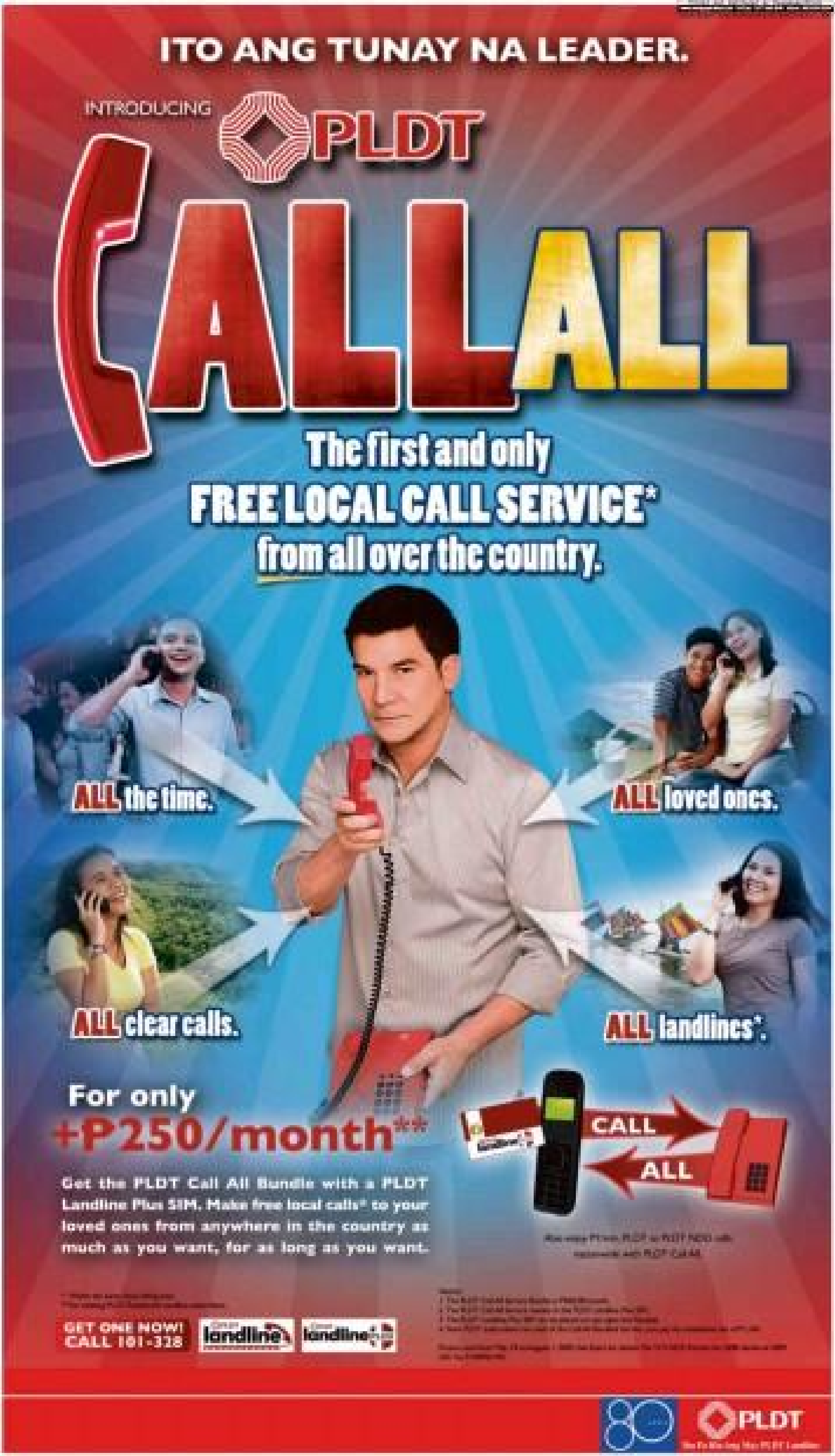
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Family tragedy

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Plans after

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Art, jail style

With the help of an Aussie artist, 5 Pinoy inmates learn how art can enrich prison life. Story on A20



Art enriches harsh prison life of 5 Manila inmates

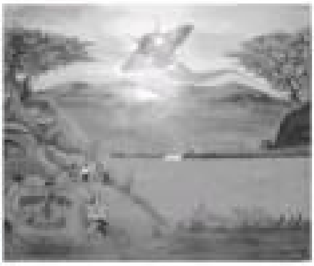
By Gerry Lirio

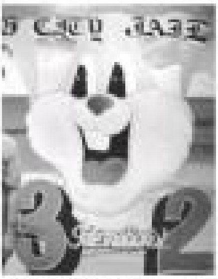
NOT EVERY ONE CAN BE AN ARTIST, BUT an artist can come from anywhere, even in such places as the Manila City Jail, so said Australian David Griggs who taught five inmates from four rival gangs how to paint on a canvas last April.

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Visual communication

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SYMBOLS of pride and talent. Top, art insignia of the Sigue Sigue Sputnik gang. Right, a Bugs Bunny drawing gives a smiley look on the Batang City Jail's art logo. [illegible]

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Honest self-sign

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More sessions

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"WE MUST REACH OUT TO THE OFWS about the prevention measures for the H1N1 virus. All contracts should now include a clause for employers to provide health assistance to workers."
SUSAN OPLE, April 2009

GLOBAL Pinoy
Editor: Gerry Lirio

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas, toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Blue passport blues

By Ninotchka Rosca

NEW YORK—DESPITE THE ADMONITION NOT to arrive before 7 a.m., 50 people were already lined up before the Brooklyn Courthouse reception. It was 7:05. I had flown to New York from Los Angeles the night before and was to fly back at 4:00 p.m. I was about to take my oath of citizenship. I'd considered postponing but all my Filipino friends screamed: TAKE THE OATH!

Biometrics

Dossier

Younger girlfriend

'Can't you tell?'

The boss

Smoking in subway

'Woman with powers'

Where's the judge?

'Repeat after me'

Unbearable sadness



THE AUTHOR, an award-winning Filipino writer, in Manila, 2007, after decades of vacillation, is now an American citizen.

'Green and I had fought so many battles together. I'd been a foot soldier in its struggle for validity and respect. The blue one, the most prized passport in the world, I'd acquired through a process I could only charitably call half-demented. Reality disappoints, truly. I had a moment of unbearable sadness'

The WORLD

US moving closer to swine flu vaccine

WASHINGTON—INCHING CLOSER TO A SWINE flu vaccine, the government is beginning to analyze two candidates for the key ingredient to brew one.

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AP



WORLDBRIEFS

UN Security Council calls for release of Suu Kyi, others

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Plane crashes near Brazil resort; 11 reported dead

[illegible] AP

NY's Times Square prepares for pedestrian future

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Passerby pushes suicide jumper in south China

[illegible] AP

2 dead, 14 injured in Nepal church blast

[illegible] AFP

US and Cuba move to renew talks on migration

[illegible] AFP

WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Que captures Malarayat tilt by one stroke /A25



Sunday SPORTS



PATRICK Cabahug (right) of Cobra tries to put a shot against Oracle's national team contribution, Mac Baracael.

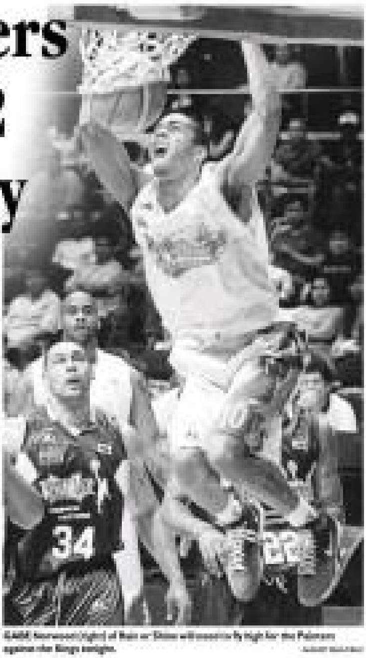
Barroca, RP 5 pals lift Oracle past Cobra five

Django books q'final slot; Bata ousted



BUSTAMANTE

Kings, Painters dispute No. 2 seeding today



By Musong R. Castillo

WE HAVE A LOT MORE work ahead of us."

It's a reversal of fortune for Rain or Shine

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

SPORTSWATCH

Forest Hills hosts WGAP tilt

Fitness First tops triathlon

Cards shuffle Blazers; Maroons up

By Mark Vincent C. Giongco

Eagle Ridge rules Mizuno Scramble



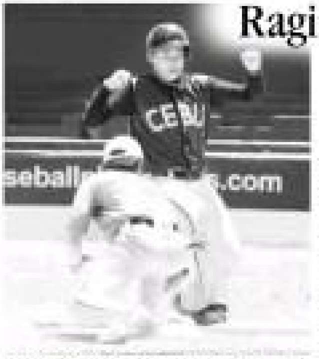
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SUBIC CHESS

World Cup slot for Antonio

UST eyes V-League semis vs USJ-R



Raging Bulls sink Dolphins

Fiba, SBP want more teams in 2012 Olympics



Anton scores back-to-back victories



Sunday SPORTS

LeBron rescues Cavs

King James drains triple at the buzzer, ties series



Anthony no longer just a 20-point superstar



Safina gets advice from Big Brother



De Villa joins Texas Tech golf squad



Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Sunday Biz

IN THIS ISSUE

Blessed are they who weave

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

THE SPELLS AND spellings / of our vocabularies / ... in translation / one woman in ... / another in ... / still another in ... /and many other women / naming / hold the world together / can move their earth / must house their fire / ... to their song / will their dreams well."—Marjorie Evasco, Boholana poet, "Dream Weavers"

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Australian volunteers in RP's needy areas

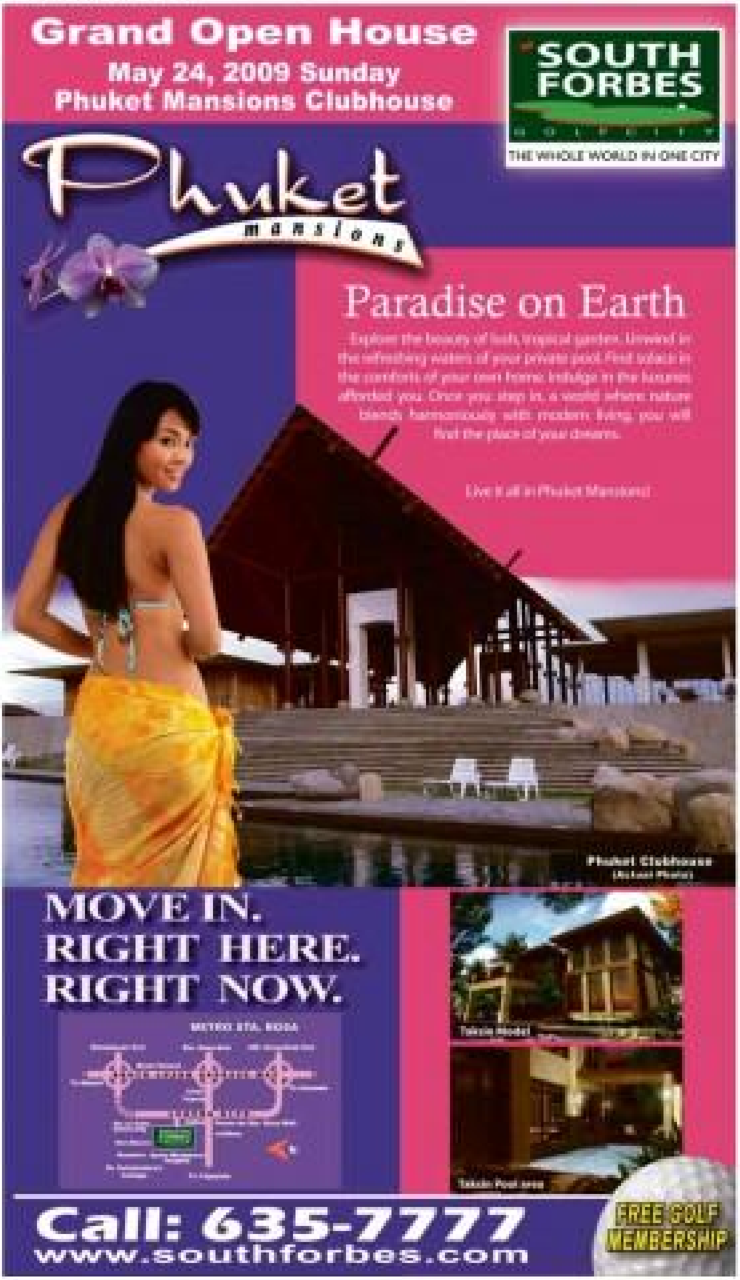
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Sharing skills

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Local champion

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Overcoming false feelings of economic, job security

There has been a great deal of insecurity gripping both the employed and unemployed. And who wouldn't feel insecure in these trying times?

'What has happened in rich nations is that security has become a false god...'

Orani farmers find succor in agronomy programs





Agriculture worker hits paydirt as bonsai designer



Blessed are they who weave



Retiree mines health, wealth in herbal trade

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Sowing the business

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Development

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Soap making for fun, profit

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Sunday Biz

From dressing dolls to making stars shine

Text and photos by Maricar Cinco
Inquirer Southern Luzon



CRISTOBAL tries to explore other materials for her gown designs.





One-man show



A GOWN made of pandan mats that were sewed together to make layers of trumpet skirts

> She can create the simplest gowns as well as those with the most intricate designs

Made to order

Unique





Sunday LIFESTYLE
Editor Thelma Sison San Juan

A DAY IN THE LIFE

It's Dionisia with an 'I', not Dionesia with an 'E'



The 60-year-old 'Pacmom' has her manicure and pedicure every week, goes ballroom dancing every Friday night, and goes to the derma clinic every month. Her preferred leading man is Jericho Rosales

NOT EVEN IN HER WILDEST imagination did she expect that she would become a celebrity mom.

It's Dionisia with an 'I', not Dionesia with an 'E'



DIONISIA Pacquiao and her friend Mildred Dee





EXPENSIVE wristwatch and jewelry now adorn her hands.

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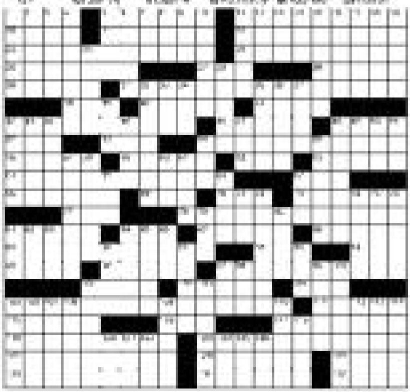
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Not interested in show biz

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD By Frank A. Longo — MIDDLE EAST



Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the Inquirer, P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.



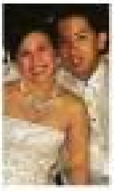
SARROL - GUMAPI

Eduardo Sarrol and Delia Gumapi exchanged wedding vows last May 15, at Iglesia ni Kristo, E. Manalo. Reception followed at the Wack Wack Golf & Country Club. Sarrol is the son of the late Mr. Carlos & Mrs. Remedios Sarrol. Gumapi is the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Gumapi.



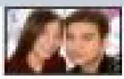
RIVERA - TUBU

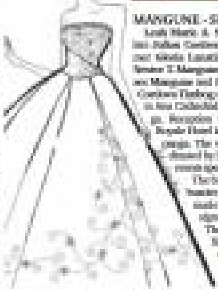
Rodrigo Rivera Jr. and Luz Tubu got married at Shangri-La Mactan grand ballroom in Cebu, with over 200 guests in attendance. Tubu is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tubu. Rivera is the son of Rodrigo Rivera Sr. and Dolores Chua. The bridal gown and groom's suit were created by Rajo Laurel. Bridesmaids' gowns by Ani Escaño. Pastor Alvin Rivera officiated the Mass.



SUAREZ - JAMIR

May 2 marked the wedding date of Kristine Renae O. Jamir and José Miguel C. Suarez. The wedding was held at the Sto. ng Lagiag Hakbin Church, Tagaytay. The Holy Mass was officiated by Fr. Miguel Samaniego. Reception was held at Hacienda Isabella. The wedding gown, barongs and dresses of the flower girls were made by Santos Alonzo. The bride's necklace and hairpiece were made by Tiana and Co.





MANGUNE - SILVA

Leah Marie A. Silva, daughter of the late Julian Contreras Silva and the former Gisela Lazatin Austria will marry Renee T. Mangune, son of Ricardo Torres Mangune and the former Gertrudes Cordero Timbang on May 30, at the San Juan Cathedral, Santa Ana, Pampanga. Reception will follow at Kings Royale Hotel in San Fernando, Pampanga. The wedding will be coordinated by Events Plus headed by events specialist Alex Ramos.

The bride will wear a white bustier ballgown made of duchess satin designed by Alex Santos. The bodice is fitted with Swarovski crystals and Japanese cut beads with an eight-meter embroidered veil.



Family bonding builds confidence in children

Considered as the foundation of a child's well-being and the key to his future success, self-confidence is first manifested between the ages of 4 and 6. Family bonding provides the perfect opportunity for moms to build their kid's confidence as it allows them to instill 3 very important values: positive attitude, independence, and self-discipline.

Cultivate a positive attitude

Inculcating a positive attitude in children is crucial as it helps them overcome their doubts and fears while strengthening their self-belief. It also teaches them to become cooperative and obedient.

A good way of instilling positive attitude in children is by letting them help with some simple household chores such as setting the table before mealtime. Such a gesture makes kids feel involved and trusted, thus enabling them to believe in themselves.

Promote independence

Teaching kids to be independent essentially equates to helping them believe in their own skills and abilities. By letting children do things with minimum assistance, moms are also encouraging such traits as resourcefulness and imagination.

Nurture self-discipline

Self-discipline involves having inner control of one's desires and emotions so as to conform to intellectual, moral, and social rules. Without it, kids will not be able to learn the values of patience and restraint. Due to their high energy levels and endless inquisitiveness, the best way to teach children self-discipline is by giving them the freedom to learn from the things they like to do and letting them learn about the consequences by themselves.

Ricardo Cardinal Vidal memorabilia in Cebu inaugurated

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75th anniversary

Bishop Obviar



BISHOP Antonio Ratala, Danny Dolor, Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales and Papal Nuncio Edward Joseph Adams



CARDINAL Vidal unveils the marker of Memorabilia Room, while Danny Dolor looks on.

Trial House

Glorious celebration

Healing Mass

Singing for the Pope

It's Dionisia with an 'I'. . .

Sunday LIFESTYLE





A very presidential birthday bash



MELY Concepcion Hechanova, President Macapagal-Arroyo, Mike Arroyo and Rafael "Paing" Hechanova

Mely Concepcion and Paing Hechanova host a belated party for Her Excellency

By [illegible]
Photos by [illegible]

IT WAS THE HOTTEST TICKET of the week when our town's numero uno hostess, working businesswoman Mely Concepcion Hechanova and her husband, Southern gentleman Paing Hechanova, gave a very exclusive belated birthday dinner for President Macapagal-Arroyo at their cozy residence in Makati.

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A VERY PRESIDENTIAL D2







PACING Hechanova with Bea and Jaime Zobel de Ayala



MANDY and ChuChu Eduque with Yedda Romualdez and Representative Martin Romualdez



CONRAD and Dandy Tuason with President Arroyo and Ambassador Tony Lagdameo

A very presidential birthday bash

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green promenade for that stylish look.

The very well-chosen 12 guests seated at the main table of the president, open cocktails, were of course, the President herself, First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, Mely and Pacing, Jose Concepcion Jr., Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and Lovely Romulo, businessman Conrad Tuason, PS's cousin, Nene Quimson, Antonio Floirendo Sr., the sunny and fun Beth Day Romulo, and Bessie Romualdez, an IMF [illegible].

The buffet table consisted of Poached Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce, Baked Brie with Caramel and Walnuts, Mushroom Pâté, and Chicken Rolls. Main course was Peppered Chateaubriand, my favorite [illegible] from La Tasca, [illegible], Linguini with Smoked Salmon, Waldorf Salad, Alba's Paella Negra, Lechon, Fresh Corned Beef and the yummy home-cooked [illegible], which the President loved, and I don't blame her—I had two huge servings of it myself.

Those who were not into calorie-counting dug into the colorful desserts: Tarta Madrid, Prune Cake, Crepe Cake, Tarts, Strawberry Shortcake, Lemon Tarts, Apple Pie, Coffee Crunch and loads more—all the best desserts the Hechanovas are known for.

And who were there? Jaime and Bea Zobel, Rico Tuason and Nedy Tantoco, Baby and Nic Reyes, PL and Madeleine Lim, [illegible] Ambassador Tony Lagdameo, Ambassador to the Vatican Mercy Tuason, Philip Romualdez and Sandy Prieto-Romualdez, Representative Martin and Yedda Romualdez, Ambassador Chouhing Tanbontong, Ambassador Lani Bernardo, Ambassador Louis Arias and Soledad Arias of Spain, Ambassador Tomas Javier Calvillo Unna of Mexico, Ambassador Muhammad Naeem Khan of Pakistan, Ambassador Mario Schuff of Argentina, [illegible] Toyota's Arthur Macapagal and Marion Jalandoni, Philippine Tatler's Anton San Diego, Irene Sotto, Randy Francisco and Irene Marcos-Francisco, Mandy Eduque and Chuchu Madrigal, architect Conrad Onglao, Dandy Tuason, Ed and Menchu Soriano, Sec. Arthur Yap, Ambassador Bobby Romulo and Olivia Mendiola, and Marixi Prieto and Muriel Rufino.

Again, all that feasting, we all sang "Happy Birthday" to the President, who graciously thanked the hostess and her family and all the guests for taking the time out to celebrate with her.

Then it was time to have a couple of photos, as our hostess personally toured the President around her three-bed room, two-story house for at least half an hour before we all said our "Thank you" to our hostess and host, the hard-to-beat Mely and Pacing Hechanova.

Super eye-catchers of the evening were definitely those stunningly gorgeous women of substance and status, such as stylish Dandy Tuason, beautiful Yedda Romualdez, exotic Menchu Soriano and brilliant young politician Carissa Olivia Coscolluela, who had heads turning wherever they went. Wow!

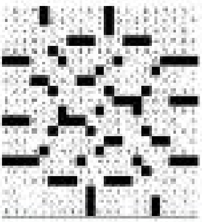


AMBASSADOR Chouhing Tanbontong, Conchita Roda and Ambassador Lani Bernardo



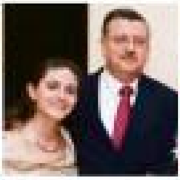
PRESIDENT Arroyo with PL Lim and (standing) Madeleine Lim and Mely M. Concepcion

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AMBASSADOR Lagdameo and Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo





ANDREA and Ambassador Tomas Calvillo Unna of Mexico, Ambassador Alcides Prates of Brazil and Ambassador Muhammad Khan of Pakistan



RICO Tuason



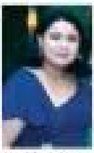
AMBASSADOR Bobby Romulo with Olivia Mendiola, Maurice Arcache, Marion Jalandoni and Arthur Macapagal



ARTHUR Macapagal, Ambassador Lagdameo, Marion Jalandoni Macapagal, President Arroyo, Arcache, Mely Concepcion and Nena Neyber



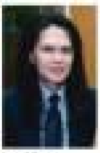
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CARISSA Olivia Coscolluela



MENCHU and Ed Soriano



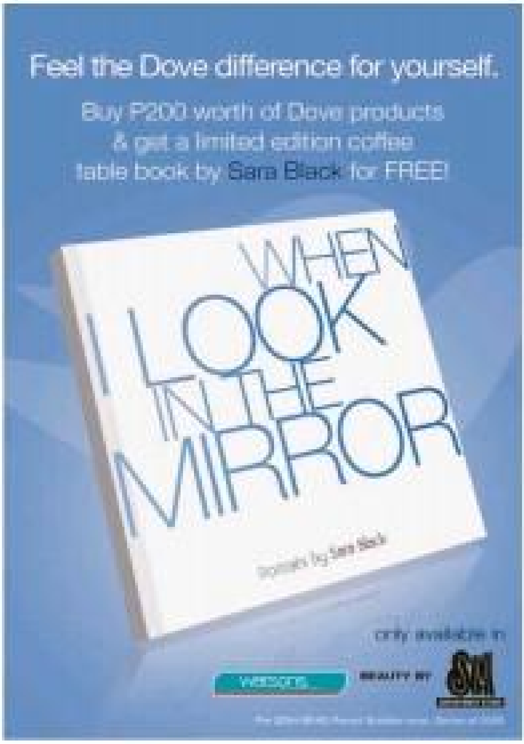
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PATRICIA Jacinto, Nedy Tantoco, Randy Francisco, President Arroyo, Mely Hechanova, Irene Marcos-Francisco, ChuChu Madrigal-Eduque and Rocio Hechanova-Angeles



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BUILDING A CITY: SM CITY NORTH-EDSA THROUGH THE YEARS

SM city north edsa

Experience

In the next few weeks, SM City North-EDSA will formally open the Skygarden, the latest and perhaps most beautiful phase of its redevelopment. With its lush greenery, water features, a Skydome, and retail and al fresco dining excitement, it will be a landmark in the North Metro area.

The redevelopment is significant because it brings us back to the mall that started it all – SM City North-EDSA. In preparation for this, we are running a series on the North-EDSA heritage and how it has shaped Philippine lifestyles.

Three weeks ago, we featured In the Beginning There was North-EDSA, recalling how SM Founder and Chairman Henry Sy, Sr. built the mall in the midst of a major political and economic crisis, and made local retail history. Two weeks ago, we recalled the SM City North EDSA experience through its pioneer tenants. Last week, we heard the voice to a generation that practically grew up with North-EDSA, through PDI's Pam Pastor. As we draw nearer to the formal launching, let's take a look on how SM City grew and was built.

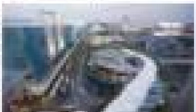




The Carpark Plaza opened in 1988, with more shops and restos, and more parking space for shoppers.







The Skygarden will bring a new excitement to the area with its lush green features, water works, and al fresco eateries, as well as the Skydome.



The renovated City Center in the late 1990s.



CONGREGACION LEADS GRANDEST FLORES DE MAYO AT SM MALL OF ASIA



Flores De Mayo 2009, featuring more than 30 talented designers who will interpret the Filipino terno inspired by the theme, "Bellissima Filipina", will be held at 4 pm on May 24, Sunday at the SM Mall of Asia.

The event is organized by Congregacion del Santisimo Nombre del Niño Jesus and the SM Mall of Asia (MOA), in cooperation with Pond's and Cream Silk, together with the Department of Tourism and Unilever Philippines.

Now on its 30th year, the Flores De Mayo activities are headed by Ben Farrales, founding chairman of the Congregacion del Santisimo Nombre del Niño Jesus. "More than the pomp and glamour of the event, the Congregacion makes sure that the liturgical significance of the festival to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary is preserved."



Another highlight of the festivities is the first Flores De Mayo exhibit recently opened at SM MOA. The week-long exhibit features actual gowns of leading local designers used in the previous Flores De Mayo celebrations.

Participating designers are Johnny Abad, Boss Aligas, Francis Calaquian, Athena Colico-Tanaka, Jon Dumagan, Bobos Davante, Ivan dela Cruz, Pencil Dinero, Roy Domingo, Rikko Escaro, Danilo Franco, Toni Galang, Jan Garcia, Liz Gonzales, Pepsi Herrera, Rey Lazaro, Roland Lirio, Glenn Lopez, Justin Martinez, Sony Boy Mindo, Ole Moralbe, Julian Jose Ocrampo, Lito Perez, Pepe Quilico, Jon Rubio, Renee Salud, Edgar San Diego, Karl Sunaflor, Edwin Tan, Gio Villamayor, and Robert Zamora.





Special designs by Ben Farrales, Aureo Alonzo, and Renee Salud will also be featured in the event.

Rosa Mystica will be interpreted by Princess Violago.

A highlight of the event is the awarding of the sagalas as La Flor De Manila, Reina de las Flores, and the transfer of the much coveted title Rosa Mystica.

Ms. Cream Silk Beautiful Hair and Ms. Pond's Flawless White will also be given as special awards. Gilbert Sangco, Unilever Philippines Managing Director for Hair and Skin, said, *"Unilever Philippines helps showcase this beautiful and elegant tradition in the Philippines, which truly adds vitality to life. It also reflects the essence of beauty and femininity that Pond's and Cream Silk espouse."*

The Hermanos and Hermanas Mayor are Louie and Mellie Añaza, Mayor Arturo and Evangeline Orosco, Johnny and Carol Rogge and Fernando and Silvia Fernandez.

The festival will be capped by a photo competition held during the day. This will feature both professional and non-professional photographers who will capture the beauty of the day's celebration. For more information on the photo competition, you may visit http://www.unilever.com.ph

The festivities will start with the procession of the sagalas at the SM Mall of Asia Music Hall at 4 pm. The procession will be around the mall grounds.

After the procession, the dinner show will be hosted by Leo Martinez and Boots Anson Roa, with performances by St. Francis of Assisi Folk Dancer and Richard Villanueva. Offerings to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be made by the sagalas and their escorts.



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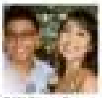
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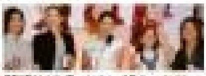






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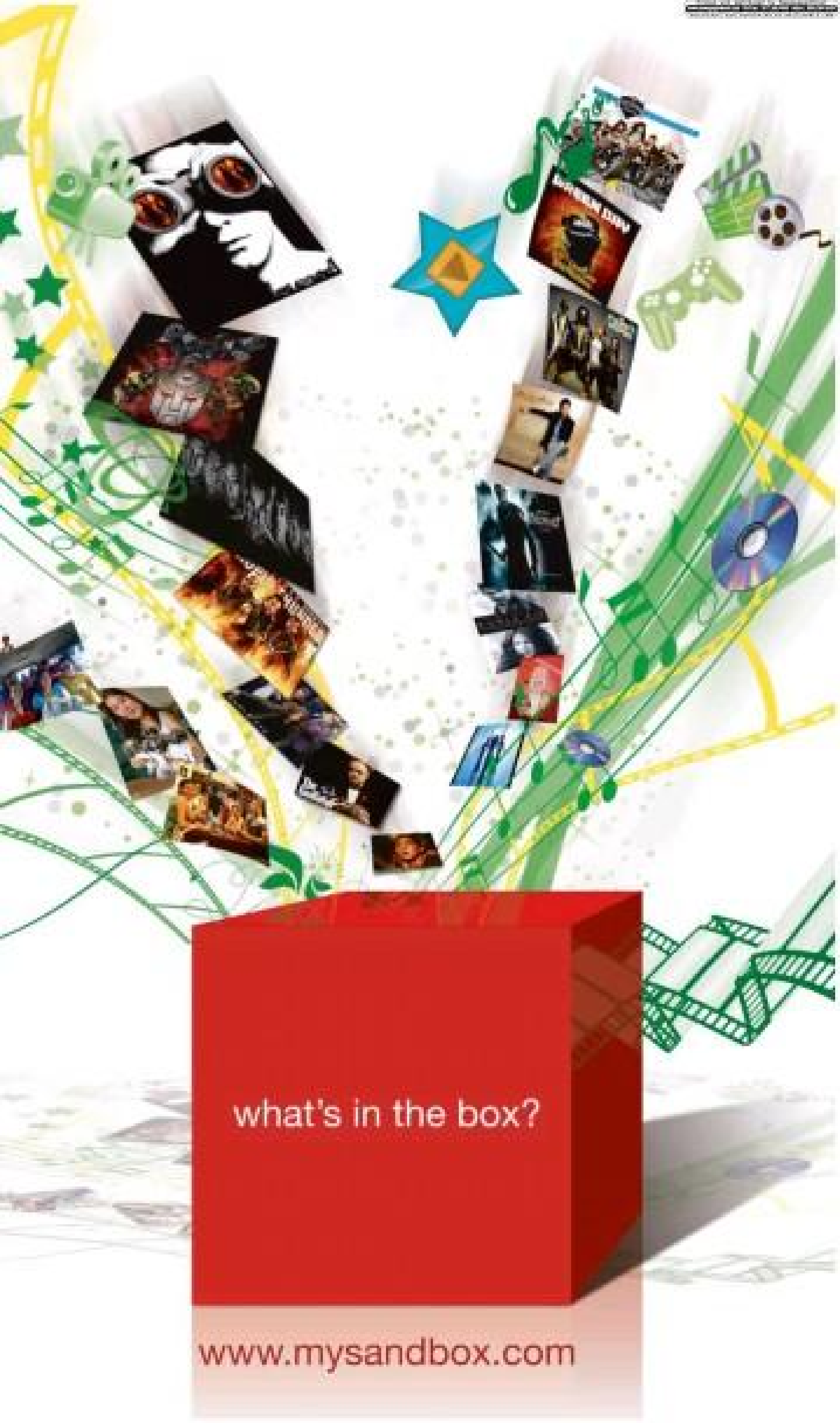
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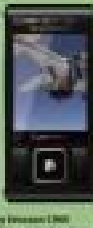
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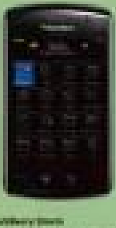


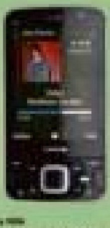
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Savoring teen life the Jollibee way



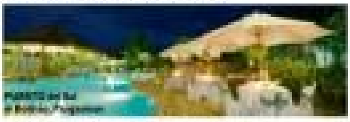
He wants to let go of his 'hot mama' lover

EMILY'S POST



Emily A. Marcelo

Paradise in Bolinao, Pangasinan



Entertainment



'Sabong' flies high

After winning in Houston and Mexico, RP digital movie competes in Shanghai



Collective effort













A funn

...y night (and day) at the museum



LARRY Daley (Ben Stiller) is reunited with Teddy Roosevelt (Robin Williams).





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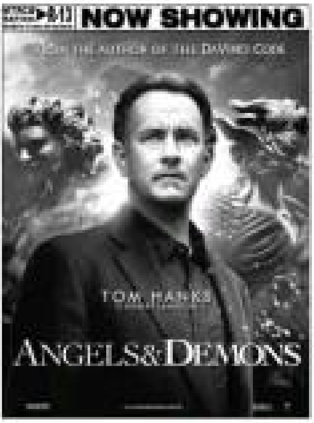
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Uniquely Filipino







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Now showing: Hayden video with Vicki? Rushes/ G3

make your own havaianas 2009

Put some local soul into your step!

There's nothing like a comfy pair of flip-flops to get you through the day. Once used only in homes, rubber flip-flops have become fashion must-haves fit for almost any occasion.

This season, it's easy to slip past the plain and ordinary, and step into perfect, personalized style with Make Your Own Havaianas 2009. Visit the Rockwell Tent from May 28 to June 1 during mall hours, and you can create your own work of contemporary art by customizing a pair of stylish Havaianas.

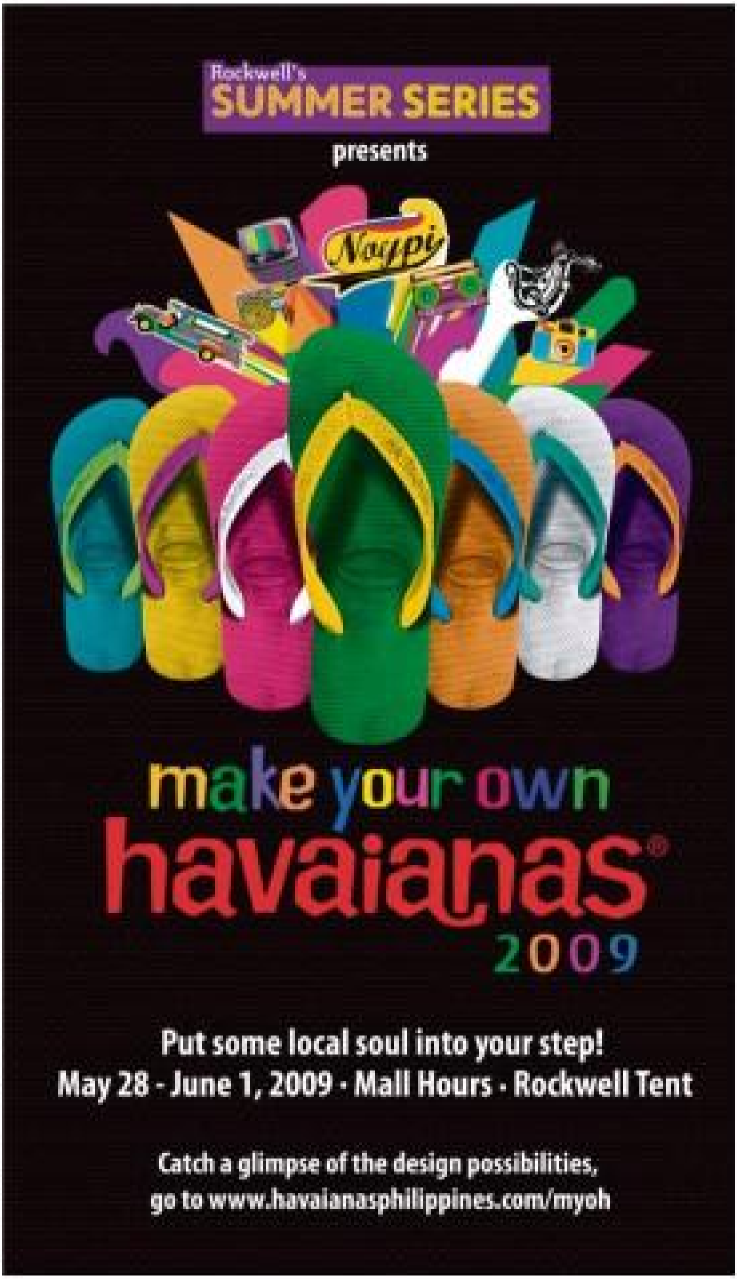
With nearly all the hues of the covetable Havaianas collection available as your palette, there are hundreds of possible combinations of soles and straps for Men and Women, in the popular Top and Slim styles.

Also available are different pins for embellishing your masterpiece, from sleek Swarovskis so you can unleash your inner chic to Lifestyle Pins so you can show off your inner soul. Lifestyle pins range from peaceful Yoga poses to funky, vintage trolleys.

This year, Make Your Own Havaianas will also be offering an artistic treat for Havaianatics by allowing them to parade their Filipino pride with Culture Pins featuring symbols of their unique and colorful heritage, such as colorful jeepneys, vibrant vintas and much more.

Styles, colors, sizes, and embellishments are available until supplies last, so be the first to flip-flop your way to Make Your Own Havaianas 2009!

Catch a glimpse of the design possibilities at www.havaianasphilippines.com/MYOH



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